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FM AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8467

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MAC SCOTT AFB ILL

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ARRS SCOTT AFB ILL

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USAFMPC RANDOLPH AFB TEX

4683 ABGP THULE AB GREENLAND

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US COAST GUARD WASHDC

C O N F I D E N T I A L COPENHAGEN 0372

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, DA, GL

SUBJECT: THULE HELICOPTERS

REF: STATE 025964

1. SUBSTANCE OF STATE 25964 PASSED TO MINISTRY OF
GREENLAND OFFICIAL (LMCHE) FEB. 8. HE INDICATED THAT
DECISION ON HELICOPTERS WAS NOT MADE BY GREENLAND
COUNCIL IN JANUARY, AS HE HAD SAID EARLIER IT WOULD BE,
(COPENHAGEN 3174), BUT IS NOW SCHEDULED TO BE CONSIDERED
AT THEIR MARCH MEETING. LEMCHE POINTED OUT THAT COUNCIL
WILL HAVE TO MAKE A DETERMINATION ON WHICH HELICOPTER
THEY WANT, BALANCING INCREASED SAFETY OF THE S-58
AGAINST ITS HIGHER COSTS. SHOULD THEY SELECT S-58,
COUNCIL MUST THEN DETERMINE WHICH OTHER GREENLAND PROJECT
WILL BE SACRIFICED IN ORDER TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL 1.3

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MILLION DANISH KRONER AS FUNDS ARE NOT AVAILABLE THRU

MINISTRY BUDGET.

2. MINISTRY CONSIDERS THAT EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE THAT A HELICOPTER CAN BE IN PLACE IS OCTOBER 74 AND DUE TO DANISH CIVIL AIR DIRECTORATE RESTRICTIONS, IT COULD BE USED ONLY FOR FRIEGHT AND EMERGENCY RESCUE FLIGHTS UNTIL FEB OR MAR OF 75.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT MINISTRY COULD BUY JET RANGER NOW, BUT BOTH MINISTRY AND COUNCIL WOULD PREFER THE S-58 AND HAD BEEN HOPING U.S. WOULD VOLUNTEER TO FOOT THE BILL FOR ADDITIONAL COSTS OF OPERATING S-58. ALSO, DUE TO THEIR INTEREST IN PROVIDING ASSURED COVERAGE FOR APPROX 100 MEDICAL PATIENTS AND 6-7 RESCUES PER YEAR, PLACING A GREENLAND AIR S-61 AT THULE TO COVER THE PERIOD BETWEEN LOSS OF USAF /AC AND ARRIVAL OF DANISH A/C IS STILL A POSSIBILITY.
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